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## To all our Readers A Merry Christmas

### A CHRISTMAS TREE

(By Charles Dickens)  
I have been looking on this evening at a merry company of children assembled round that pretty French toy, a Christmas tree. The tree was planted on the middle of a great round table and towered high above their heads. It was brilliantly lighted by a multitude of little tapers and everywhere sparkled and glittered with bright objects. There were wreaths of green leaves, and there were real waxes (with movable hands) at least, and an endless capacity for being wound up, dangling from innumerable twigs. There were French polished tables, chairs, bedsteads, wardrobes, eight-day clocks and various other articles of domestic furniture (wonderfully made in tin at Wolverhampton) perched among the boughs, as if in preparation for some fairy housekeeping.

There were jolly, broad-faced little men, much more agreeable in appearance than any real men, and no wonder, for their heads took off and showed them to be full of sugar plums. There were fiddles and drums. There were tambourines, books, workboxes, paint boxes, soap show boxes, sweetmeat boxes and all kinds of boxes.

There were trinkets for the older girls, far brighter than any grown-up gold and jewels. There were baskets and pincushions in all devices. There were gams, gloves, banners, real fruit, made artificially dazzling with gold leaf; imitation apples, pears and walnuts, crammed with surprises. In short, as a pretty child, they had everything lightly whispered to another pretty child, her bosom friend, "There was every thing, and more."

### RED DEER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Red Deer Horticultural Society was held Monday evening, December 16, in the Public Library, there being a very good attendance of members. The only interest of some members of the Society appears to be in winning prizes and they do not care to go to the trouble of showing their appreciation of the efforts of the directors and officials of the Society on their behalf. This is not confined to the Horticultural Society. Possibly some of the directors were unavoidably absent owing to meetings of the City Council and Board of Trade being held at the same time. Mr. Galbraith presided.

The Secretary's report showed a very satisfactory year's work. \$25.00 having been paid out in prizes at the annual exhibition and garden competition and \$50 prize money had been awarded in recognition for efforts of serious cultivators of flowers. A committee of the City Council had operated with the committee appointed by the Horticultural Society to try to encourage greater war-time garden production, with very gratifying results.

During the year, addresses on gardening subjects were given by Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Hogg, both of which merited much larger audiences. In the discussion which followed, it was agreed that it would be well to hold the Horticultural exhibition in conjunction with the City Council on the date of the latter would suit the garden conditions—the trouble being that flowers and vegetables are not sufficiently advanced much before the middle of August.

Another suggestion was that a Poultry Association might be inaugurated under the auspices of the Horticultural Society. It was from the Horticultural Society that the Free Library movement originated. Mr. Byrnes and Mr. Allen, their officers, having successfully carried out the scheme.

A resolution was moved tendering a hearty vote of thanks to the City Council for their grant of 1918, which the directors believe has been usefully

### UNIVERSITY NOTES

The Christmas holidays at the University of Alberta began on Saturday, December 21st. The University will re-open on Monday, December 30th, and New Year's Day will be observed as a holiday. It is proposed to limit the Easter holidays to Good Friday, and to continue lectures to the end of April. Authority for this change of dates was given by the Senate at the meeting held on Friday, December 13th, to the general Faculty Council, to whom it is also left to arrange the dates of the finals in accordance with these changes and to make any adjustments necessary with regard to term dates.

The annual Christmas dinner preceding the closing for the holidays will be held on Thursday evening, the 19th of December.

Word has been received that the list of aeroplane material which is being given by the British Air Ministry to the Canadian Universities will soon be on hand. It is understood that an interesting body of aeroplane equipment will be sent to the University of Alberta. Rumor has it that the University of Toronto has already acquired three complete planes for practice flying.

The War Trophies Commission, of which Sir Edmund Walker is chairman, having announced that a part of the war trophies would be distributed to patriotic societies and public institutions. Dean Kerr on behalf of the University of Alberta has made application for consideration in the distribution of these memorials.

Mr. W. D. Woodland, formerly lecturer in the Department of Classics in the University of Alberta, who left during the war period to take post graduate work in Chicago, has accepted the position in the Department of Greek in Toronto University, where he is making an enviable reputation for himself in his chosen field of work.

The Division of Visual Instruction of the Department of Extension has recently been added. The titles of these sets are as follows: Games from the Galleries (Photographs of Masterpieces of world art), Gardening.

The Life of Robert Louis Stevenson.

Story of Ben Hur.

English Lake District.

Wild Animals in Captivity.

The meeting of the Indians.

Infant Welfare.

A History of the Church of England (in 3 parts).

A few more sets are still on order, and when these arrive, a new list of lantern slide sets will be prepared and be ready for distribution. Any enquiries about this should be addressed to the Division of Visual Instruction, Department of Extension, University of Alberta.

### 3,000,000 RUSSIANS KILLED DURING WAR

New York, Dec. 15.—Estimating the casualties in the war at 8,000,000 men, of whom 3,000,000 were killed, and about 1,000,000 disabled for life, A. J. Sack, director of the Russian Bureau of Information, declared in an address before the American commerce commission here today, that Russia's pitiful condition is due to her exhaustion from war.

"She is lying in seas of blood and tears," he concluded, "and further millions of her people are facing death by starvation."

About twenty million Russians will die this winter unless the Allied countries render the necessary immediate help on a very generous scale."

### MONTREAL'S INFLUENZA TOLL

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Completed returns of the department of public health on the recent influenza show that there were 746 children under fifteen years of age who died from influenza or pneumonia during October and November, while there were 2374 adults who succumbed during the same period.

employed in helping to improve the City. Also one to Mr. Edward Wilton, now secretary-treasurer.

The election of officers for 1919 resulted as follows:

Hon. President—F. W. Galbraith

President—E. S. Hogg

1st Vice-President—John Reid

2nd Vice-President—J. H. Horn

Donaire—Mrs. H. Bawthine

Horticulturalist—J. S. Miller

Secretary—Mr. G. G. Brown, Mr. S. N. Casselman, Jos. Cole, W. T. Coote, C. G. Gamble, P. E. Graham, Mrs. H. McEwen, A. Paton, R. Russell, C. H. Stone, Mrs. F. Turnbull, Mrs. B. Welliver.

### THANKS FROM COL. LIONEL PAGE

The following letter has been received by the Edw. Red Cross Sewing Circle:

France, 13-11-18.

The Secretary, Edw. Red Cross Society,

Dear Friend.—This is just a line to try to thank you for your most wonderful and most appreciated box of comforts that arrived yesterday. You have no idea how that kind of thing is appreciated here: appreciated for its contents, for cakes, candies, and so on have almost become unknown here nowadays, and appreciated also for the knowledge it brings that our friends are still thinking of us. It arrived at a most opportune moment as we were able to celebrate peace with it. It seems almost unbelievable that peace can have come after all these years, but the knowledge that we are starting for Germany in the course of a day or two makes one begin to realize it. I hope Edw. is going strong. I am sure we must feel proud of her share in the bringing of this work to a successful issue. Thanking you again for your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending me the box, thanks which I hope it will not be long before I can give you in person.—Believe me, very gratefully yours,

LIONEL F. PAGE, Lt. Col., 50th Canadian Batt.

### GERMAN MINE EXPLODES.

Paris, Dec. 15.—A German mine which had been placed in a bridge at Guise, has exploded, killing fifteen men and injuring twenty-five, according to a Guise dispatch to the Matin. The date of the explosion is not given, but the dispatch says that it occurred more than a month after the armistice had come into effect.

### THANKS FROM THE AIR FORCE RECRUITING DEPARTMENT.

The following letters speak for themselves:

Records and Recruiting Office, Royal Air Force, Canada.

J. A. Carwell, Esq., Chairman, Sub-Committee, R.A.F., Editor "Red Deer News," Red Deer, Alberta.

Dear Sir, You will find a letter from the General Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, Canada, expressing his thanks for your help in the recruitment of the Royal Air Force. I have already expressed myself in a letter to you, but I am sure you will be glad to hear that the enclosed letter is in the hands of the papers of your community, mentioning the names also of the other members of the committee to whom the General Officer Commanding has also written. I am,

Yours very sincerely,

MILLER THOMAS, Captain, Records Royal Air Force.

### Headquarters, Royal Air Force, Toronto.

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C. HOAN, Brigadier-General, Commanding Royal Air Force, Canada.

A number of the Royal Air Force cadets are home, having done well in their power to bring the great war to a satisfactory conclusion. They are, as far as we can find out, as follows: Gordon Macdonald, John Macdonald, Howard Ruskin Gatz, Cash Mahaffy, Ronald Michener, A. McMillan, E. Springbett, E. G. Johnson, James Toelling, Gubraith, who was an instructor and got his commission. The cadets not reported are C. H. Linn, E. Armstrong, E. Paucher, James Toelling, Gubraith, from the Bank of Commerce, G. B. Raikes, A. W. Martin got his commission and was an instructor. Roy Quigg got his commission and went

### NOTICE TO LYCEUM TICKET HOLDERS.

Owing to the influenza still being prevalent throughout the West, it has been impracticable for the Edw. Red Cross Society to produce either the Lyceum or the Apollo Concert Co. on the advertised dates. The local management have been assured that arrangements have been made for Ford to appear throughout Alberta during March or April, and the date for the Beverly Entertainers still stands. It may not be possible now to produce the Apollo Concert Co. in which case a substitute of equal merit will be given. As there may be some persons who would prefer to have their money for tickets refunded, arrangements have been made whereby Mr. Cornwell of the Gais-Cornett Drug Co., will refund the price paid upon surrender of the ticket. All money has been placed in a Trust Account and all ticket holders are assured that full value will be given by the Choir of the Methodist Church, either by the production of Ford's lecture or other high-class talent or by refund of money for tickets. In view of the expense incurred, however, in advertising, etc., it is hoped that Lyceum ticket holders will help the local management by carefully retaining their tickets, thereby making a second campaign unnecessary. On behalf of the Choir of the Methodist Church,

J. E. WELTON, P. KENNY, GEO. E. FLEMING.

### DISCREDIT REPORT BOLSHEVIST ARMY.

London, Dec. 15.—Reports that the Bolsheviks have raised an army of 2,000,000 men are discredited by special correspondence to the Daily Express. It is said that the most reliable information puts the number of Bolshevik troops at about 150,000, scattered over most of the Russian empire. It is pointed out, however, that it is probable an effort will be made to increase the force for the purpose of marching toward Germany, where the Bolsheviks have carried on an extensive campaign for the last year.

### CURLING

The links for the season are: Taggart, Hamley, Smith, Coote, skip. Allan, Horn, Goe, Graham, skip. McMillan, Malcolm, Pidgeon, R. Munro, skip. Stewart, Locke, Hall, Bonick, skip. Gibbs, Davies, Hopkins, Welliver, skip. Forhan, Mahaffy, Mayes, T. A. Gatz, skip. Matthews, Porter, McGowan, Johns, skip. Johnston, Brett, Payne, Humber, skip. Conway, Gamble, Caradon, Maxwell, skip. Bayly, Saunders, L. Marshall, skip. Armstrong, Gordon, Lowe, Brown, skip. Martin, Wetman, Reid, Stone, skip. Allan, Horn, Goe, Graham, skip. McGill, White, McCrene, R. Stone, skip. Trimble, Trimble, McCrone, Beckett, skip. Reid, Dick, Campbell, skip. Paveau, Ely, Stone, Stephenson, skip. The following games have been played this week:

Fulton won from Coote.

Bonick won from Marshall.

Stewart won from Welliver.

R. Munro won from Dr. McEwan.

### LADIES CURLING CLUB

The Red Deer Ladies' Curling Club held their annual meeting in the City Hall on Tuesday evening, with forty-five members present. The following officers were elected:

Hon. President—Mrs. Donald Smith

President—Mrs. Frank McEwan

1st Vice-President—Mrs. A. H. Moxie

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Ernest Greig

Secretary—Mrs. Mrs. L. Lund

Executive Committee—Officers, Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Malcolm, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Lindsay.

Skips for the afternoon: Mrs. Lord, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. McCrone, Mrs. Donald Smith.

Skips for the evening: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. McEwan, Mrs. Beat.

First competition games to be played on Monday, December 20, afternoon and evening. Members will please pay their dues before playing.

to England to complete; J. A. Carwell and Clarence Marke are just completing their course in England for Nontentatives. Norman Hamley has just returned to Oshawa, Ont., after serving in Italy. Mr. Whitby was an instructor in Ontario, and has been called on to serve. Lieutenant Shook, of the Red Deer School staff, was the first to leave Red Deer for the Royal Air Force.

### PENHOLD NOTES

Bob Murray left on Friday last for Vancouver to spend the winter. The school staff left on Friday for Vancouver, where he will spend a month or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Coats are spending Christmas holidays at Calgary.

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Archie Feed has moved his blacksmith shop into the corner building just opposite the old Methodist Church, as he required larger premises. Mr. Feed is installing a power hammer and engine and other new machinery, so that he can take care of all kinds of blacksmithing. His shop will be one of the best equipped in the city.

The postmaster received the following acknowledgment of the money collected in the box at the post office for the Canadian Tobacco Fund:

Canadian Tobacco Fund, Windsor Hotel.

Postmaster, Penhold, Alta.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Canadian Soldiers, I desire to thank you most sincerely for the contribution of \$4.34. I hope you will see your way clear to make further efforts in behalf of the Fund, and thank you in anticipation of your help.—I am,

FRANCIS R. JONES, Organizing Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Stigling and Winnie spent Sunday with his brother Stanley.

Service was held in the Anglican Church last Sunday afternoon, when the Rev. J. G. McKee officiated.

Miss M. Sander is spending her Christmas holidays at Horn Hill.

Miss Van Larkin, from Mount Royal College, Calgary, will be here a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Hart.

Mrs. (Rev.) Chas. Hives left for Calgary last Thursday to spend her Christmas with her parents. Mr. Hives will join her soon.

The Christmas shopping has been very meagre and is much appreciated by the members of the school.

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### OBITUARY.

The many friends of Ethel Brooks, beloved wife of Rev. J. G. McKee, Presbyterian minister at Willowdale, will regret to hear of her death from heart failure following an attack of influenza on Sunday morning last. She was beloved by the entire community and was never tired of helping in all good work in her sphere of influence. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at the Red Deer cemetery. Rev. W. G. Brown conducting the services. A host of friends extended to the bereaved household heartfelt sympathy in its great loss.

Miss M. Sander, of John E. Lundberg, of Eckville, passed away on Saturday, December 21st, aged 39 years, from pneumonia. Both Mr. Lundberg and his wife have long been highly respected citizens in the community in which they lived, and the sorrowing husband has the sympathy of a host of friends in his great bereavement.

The funeral took place from Stone's Undertaking Parlors Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. G. Brown conducting the services.

### SWORD—ROBERTSON

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Presbyterian Manse on Friday afternoon, December 20th, 1918, by the Rev. W. G. Brown, when Miss Robertson, of Peebleshire, Scotland, was united in marriage to Mr. Peter Sword, of Dalburne, who is also a native of Peebles. The bride has lived for the past six years in the U.S.A. The happy couple left for their home near Dalburne on Saturday afternoon, where, we understand, a large party of neighbors were invited to meet them.

### R.N.W.M.P. AND THE PROVINCIAL POLICE WILL NOT CONFLICT

ATTORNEY GENERAL BOYLE THINKS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO PUT BACK FORCE ON OLD BASIS.

In speaking of the report in the press a few days ago, regarding the enlarging of the force of the R.N.W.M.P., and their special duties in the four western provinces, Hon. J. E. Boyle, attorney general, expresses the opinion that the Dominion government does not intend to duplicate the police protection of the four western provinces. There has been considerable curiosity as to the status of the Mounted Police, if they were brought back, but in reply to a question on this subject, Mr. Boyle stated that the government had not received any communication from the Dominion government in respect to it, and he could not say definitely as to their duties.

When Hon. Mr. Rowell had been here last fall he had discussed with the government the disposition of Mounted police buildings at posts that were already closed or that it was the intention to close immediately. He had apparently at that time no intention of reinstating the Mounted police for the purpose of ordinary police work, and there had been no suggestion at the late conference at Ottawa as to any change in the policy of the Dominion police. PROVINCES CHARGED WITH POLICE DUTY.

Under the constitution, said Mr. Boyle, the provincial governments were charged with the responsibility of maintaining the order in the provinces. The Mounted Police in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, after provinces were formed, were paid partly by the provinces and partly by the Dominion; but under the direction and received their instructions from the department of the attorney general in both provinces. When the R.N.W.M.P. were withdrawn, it had become necessary for the provincial governments to organize a new police force, and this had been done.

So far as Mr. Boyle was aware, there has been no suggestion from the Dominion government as to the turning to the old status and he believed therefore if the press report was correct, that the Dominion police would be brought back and would be organized and it would be the intention, he thought, to use the force for the same purposes for which the Dominion police were used prior to the war, namely the prevention of infractions of the Dominion revenue laws, chiefly that of customs duties and inland revenue duties.

However, no new arrangement had been suggested by the Dominion government to the provinces and he hardly thought the Dominion government would go to the expense of duplicating the police force in the four western provinces and undertaking to maintain a law order which under the constitution the provinces were responsible for.

PROVINCIAL POLICE WORK.

However, the government of the provincial police force, Mr. Boyle stated, that the Mounted police were drawn just when the man power of the country was greatly depleted by enlistment, so the organization of the new force which had to be hurriedly done, was most difficult.

However, the organization was now fairly well complete, and so far as he had been able to learn, was policing the provinces satisfactorily as could be expected. Mr. Boyle does not anticipate any difficulty in maintaining a police force that will preserve law and order in the province.

### 1,400,000 FRENCHMEN KILLED DURING WAR

Paris, Dec. 20.—French soldiers to the number of 1,400,000 were killed during the war, according to a statement by the Socialist deputy, Voltaire in the chamber of deputies this afternoon during an interpellation of the government on demobilization. Deputy Voltaire asked that the soldiers be returned to the soil and factories without delay, and continued:

"I trust you need not say that the problem of demobilization presents itself in two forms. One is that we have mobilized 6,900,000 men, have had about 1,400,000 killed, while the rest have been wounded on the front, and the Western General business tax assessment was reduced from \$260 to \$240, on Mr. Negro's evidence as to rent of the offices."

### THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

And there were in the same country shepherds to biding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go and see this thing which hath come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

—St. Luke II: 8-20.

### CHURCH NOTICES

Christmas Festival Services at St. Peter's Church, Red Deer, will be at 8 a.m. and 11 o'clock. The Christmas services will be continued next Sunday as follows: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Christmas Eve, Evensong and Carol Service; 2:30, Sunday School.

### COURT OF REVISION

The City Council met as a Court of Revision on the Assessment roll of 1919 on Thursday afternoon, December 19th, 1918. There were present Mayor Smith, Ald. Campbell, Collyson, Day, Stone, Mr. Ayres and Mr. Moore. The principal appeals were those of the Toronto General Trusts Co., on behalf of the John T. Moore and Anna A. Moore estates; of the Great West Lumber Co., in respect to the mill property of Mr. J. A. Moore, in respect of their lots in block 8, by the Western General, in respect of their plant and their special franchise. Practically all, except the Toronto General Trusts Co., were successful. The principal appeals were those of the Toronto General Trusts Co., on behalf of the John T. Moore and Anna A. Moore estates; of the Great West Lumber Co., in respect to the mill property of Mr. J. A. Moore, in respect of their lots in block 8, by the Western General, in respect of their plant and their special franchise. Practically all, except the Toronto General Trusts Co., were successful. The principal appeals were those of the Toronto General Trusts Co., on behalf of the John T. Moore and Anna A. Moore estates; of the Great West Lumber Co., in respect to the mill property of Mr. J. A. Moore, in respect of their lots in block 8, by the Western General, in respect of their plant and their special franchise. Practically all, except the Toronto General Trusts Co., were successful.





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#### BRITISH ELECTIONS

BALLOTING IN PROGRESS ON DEC. 14 THROUGHOUT GREAT BRITAIN.

Balloting for the election of parliament is in progress throughout Great Britain, and the indications are that Premier Lloyd George will control a safe majority. The Daily Express estimates that his government will win 435 seats, the Unionists and the Liberals 125, while the opposition parties, including Labour, will secure 272, giving the prime minister a majority of 163.

Women have been active in the electioneering. There is intense rivalry between Mrs. Lloyd George and Mrs. McKenna, wife of the former chancellor of the exchequer, who is a staunch supporter of former Premier Asquith. Supporters of Premier Lloyd George have conducted a vigorous campaign in South Wales recently, attacking McKenna in the latter's own constituency, and those of McKenna in reply, criticizing the prime minister.

#### "HE DOESN'T MIND."

Miss Elizabeth Asquith admitted in some of her speeches that the electors some times made candid remarks about her father, but she added, "He doesn't mind." Bonar Law's daughter at Glasgow also took part in the campaign.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst, the noted suffragette, promised the voters that when the women's suffrage prevails in parliament every house, no matter how small, will be lighted, heated and served by electricity.

The British parliament, she asserted, will be responsible for the electricity that turns the mangles, cooks the meats, warms the houses. Why should women drag coal scuttles about, asked she, stand over steaming washbuds, spend hours over old-fashioned ranges which not only cost up but cost the cooks, when by legislation and electricity the burden of the world could be lifted.

#### FAREWELL OLD YEAR

Silvered with age are Thy locks, Old Year, Browned are thy slippers, And warmed and sore; With many a weight, Coming, aye swiftly, Thy last toll gate.

Take with thee, Old Year, Thy burden of sorrow; Swift on thy path, Comes the New Year to-morrow. Up, hurry on, On the swift winter pace, Or he shall overtake thee, Old Year, in the race.

Thou hast to some Brought cause for to mourn; That thou hast reached, The last stretch in thy bourne; For thou hast strewn their Pathway with flowers; Thy path has been strewn, With many a glad hour.

But to the many Thy days have meant loss, Burden and heartache, Sorrow and cross; Clouds that have gathered And tempests that marred All that was sunshine.

By the last hour, when the sun shined, Homes have been broken, Dear friends have gone, Old Year, to many Thine hours have been long; Some who were killed In thy first morning hours, Now are heart broken, Like frost-bitten flowers.

For thou didst bring them Sorrow and grief, Crushed were their hearts, Neath their gathering weight; Sunshine was theirs, When this hour were young, But teardrops are this Have on eyelashes hung.

Why didst thou seem To take pleasure—yea, much, In breaking up homes—more—now what, In making new paths.

All crooked and steep, Along which we travel With tottering feet; Harry on, Old Year, With thy locks now white, Hasten along to thy Last hours and night; We still would bid Thee a kindly farewell, For many good things In thy days we could tell.

Thou didst bring flowers In thy glad summer day, Smiling in sunshine On the children at play; Rippling and brightening The waving wheat field, Bringing us all The grain they could yield.

Corn tassels did song And honey bees hum Down through these hours These things have all come; Brook song in woodland, And mountain streams rush, Whirlpools call.

And song of the thrush, Rapids white foam And rivers wild waves, These some of the joys Though thou hast made new graves.

Snows of the winter, All pure and white, Ice covered windows, With frosts of the night. Thunder clouds burst On the summer sky, Flashings of lightning, In the storms passing by; So we'll say farewell To thee, white-headed Old Year.

And welcome right gladly The New Year now here. D. H. HAMMOND.

Lachute, P.Q., Dec. 31, '08.

#### INDIGESTION AND CONSTIPATION

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#### MILITARY WILLING TO DO ANYTHING TO STOP RISING

ORDERS GIVEN TO DERAIL AND FIRE ON TRAINS CARRYING WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Rotterdam, Dec. 14.—Documents which reveal for the first time the desperate attempt of the high military authorities in Berlin to frustrate the German revolution have come into the hands of the Telegraph's Berlin correspondent. It appears that the greatest efforts were directed towards preventing sailors who mutinied at Kiel and Hamburg, and who killed their officers, from reaching Berlin.

An attempt was made to cut off all railway communication between the railroads and Berlin, but this failed, as indeed all efforts of the Kaiser's military authorities.

To what length the Berlin command was prepared to go was shown by orders sent to the officer commanding at Neustadt. Although it was known that some of the revolting soldiers were travelling on ordinary trains on which were many women and children, the order was given to derail these trains and to fire on them with machine guns until it was evident that not a human being remained alive in the cars.

On receiving this barbaric order the officer commanding the Neustadt, collapsed and was carried away unconscious. No one among the military on the train was allowed to carry out the order, so the trains with their innocent as well as their revolutionary passengers passed through untroubled to Berlin.

#### THE BOOTBLACK'S CHRISTMAS

I'm rich! I've got a dollar all my own

To spend for Christmas—been a savin' since Fourth July, a little at a time, Don't old jobs, sweat off on gun, An' now what shall I spend it fer? My stars!

The show case is full an' my heart's leapin' up

With presents fer to give the folks you like.

There's a name, now—she'd like a chiny cup;

I know she would—poor little sticky thing.

She cried one day because she had to drink

Out o' that mug that's cracked like anything.

Yes, I'll buy that fer her. Now, let me think

It's twenty cents an' I'll have eighty left.

An' Billy's crazy fer a top to spin; I'll get him an' o'clock's ten cents more—now what.

I wonder, shall I buy fer Jim?

I guess he'd like a jackknife best of all.

I'll get one, an' a good mouth organ, too.

Jim—he's my pard—he's got a crippled foot.

An' a drunken dad that beats him black an' blue.

Now, I've got forty left, and mother wants

I know she does—a thimble—her'n is old

An' fall o' holes, an' bent all out o' shape.

I wish I could get one of solid gold; That wouldn't be half good enough fer her—

Not if 'twas edged with diamonds all around;

Eest mother ever lived—I tell you what—

The old lady's so lucky's me, I'll buy her a bound!

Now, I've got twenty left—I'll buy some gum

An' candy, an' popcorn, and some apples, too.

An' I'll be Santa Claus and have some fun

A little stockin's Christmas Eve—tell you

Th' ain't no picnic in this livin' world

That's half so jolly as the one there'll be

When all the kids come shiverin' round the stove

On Christmas mornin'. When they come to see

Them stuffed out stockin's hangin' on the wall,

Oh, how I'll holler, 'Merry Christmas!'

Then, 'How spruced they be! Yes, Merry Christmas all!

—Harriet Francine Crocker in Buffalo News.

#### OLD CRUSTY'S CHRISTMAS

(By OLIVE HARPER)

"Mister, Mister! Please hold me up so I can see."

These words came from the lips of a baby of four, blue with cold and sniveling with a great desire to see the wonderful display of moving toys in the show window of a large store.

This strange request in the child's shrill voice caused an old man whose face was lined and seamed with hard and unlovely wrinkles to stop and look down. He was about to push the child away but the gentle hands were raised with such utter confidence that in spite of himself he actually did lift her in his arms and cradled her in his wayward manner window through the dense crowd.

The child looked and looked with staring eyes, as if she could not take in enough of the wonderful procession as it went around its allotted space. The cold hands clutched tightly at the old man's collar, and the blue lips were parted in an ecstatic smile which showed the tiny white teeth. The golden hair blew across the old man's face, and somehow he did not resent it, but when he had held her up the procession had gone twice around he began to feel tired, for he was not young.

As he turned to make his way back through the crowd the little chest heaved with a great sigh, but she did not cry. The old man smiled a cracked and grudging smile as the child said:

"Thank you—you are good."

"I—good? Oh, I don't know."

He started along thinking it time that the child should be put in charge of her parents, but her tiny fingers clung to his hand.

"Where is your mother," he asked, "Mamma, does she?" And she picked up a fold of her black dress to show.

"Ah," said he, suddenly choking. And yet he had not noticed the name of Old Crusty in the neighborhood where he lived alone, and he was also considered to be a story-heard miser.

"Ah, my friend, too contented the child, still clinging to his hand.

"Curious how surroundings influence one," thought he, "and how the surroundings of a miser make him miser."

He wondered what kind of Christmas this child will have. Everybody will have something, I wonder, when she lives, and if she would like a puppet?"

"That's dat?"

"Why?—one of those babies," pointing to the dolls in the window.

"I dunno, I never touched one."

"Let's go inside," suddenly said the old man, much of the miserly wrinkles disappearing. They went into the crowded store.

"Let this little girl have anything she wants, miss," said old Crusty.

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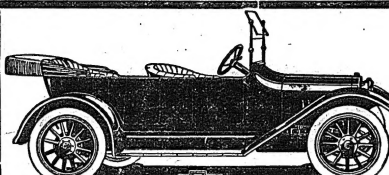
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## U. F. A. MEETING

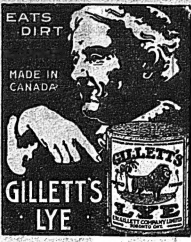
Excellent Addresses by Pres. Wood and Mr. Kennedy

Through the indefatigable efforts of Mr. D. W. McKinnon, President of the local U.F.A., the farmers and citizens of the district had the pleasure on Tuesday afternoon at the City Hall of listening to two able addresses by Mr. H. W. Wood, President of the Canadian Council of Agriculture and President of the Alberta U.F.A., and Mr. John Kennedy, Winnipeg, second Vice-President of the United Grain Growers. Wood has recently suffered bereavement in the death of one of his sons from the flu. Mr. Kennedy was one of the old timers of the farmers co-operation of its active officers. Mr. Wood dealt with the organization of society active movement in the West, and is on a democratic basis, and contended that the democratization in organization of trade and commerce was more religious reform. Mr. Kennedy pointed out the immense service the U.F.A. dominant an issue than even social and had done for the Western farmers in its reduction of the cost of handling wheat in line elevators, in its reduction of the cost of farm machinery, and in its reduction of the cost of exporting wheat; its own reductions had compelled general reductions.

Mr. Wood dealt with the work in which the farmers organizations were engaged, viz., democratic organization of trade and commerce was a great problem; if they failed in it, great would be their failure; if they succeeded, it would be their success. The regeneration of trade and commerce was absolutely needed if civilization was to be made safe for humanity. If conditions were to be made fit for the people, it was equally certain that the people should make themselves fit for the conditions. The people represented strength, except through organization; all their present systems had an autocratic basis, which was due to autocratic organizations. The development and systematization must be made safe for humanity. The five per cent of the people were thoroughly organized and government was absolutely and easily controlled by this five per cent; the ninety-five per cent were unorganized, and just so long as the people lacked intelligence and definite organization the five per cent would rule the ninety-five per cent. Such an organization was an extremely difficult task; but it must be undertaken if they were to make a success of democracy. It involved the organization of the people on a dollar and cents basis. Some thought that the ethical, social, educational and even the religious conditions need first attention. That the material conditions need first attention was due to one reason, and one reason only, that economic conditions were so bad that remedy of these was forced upon them as a matter of self-preservation; with poverty facing classes of their population they must organize to protect themselves. Trade and commerce was the foundation of civilization and no problem in life demanded so much attention if they were to make their civilization juster and happier. The problem could not be solved by political action; political action was subsidiary; the men who ruled Parliament, were men in trade and commerce. If the people allowed this organization to be exploited to the other 95 per cent for their benefit of the five per cent, they would continue to rule the ninety-five per cent of the country. Just so sure as they continued a mammoth system of government, just so sure would they continue a mammoth government system, just so sure would they continue a mammoth government system. The people must democratize business through their organization. Unless trade and commerce were systematized for the people instead of serving private interests they would never solve the problems of democracy; trade and commerce was their foundation stone. Mr. Wood pointed out the difficulties of getting the people organized; it had to be done on a voluntary basis, and the people had not learned to play the game. On the North American continent they had been trying to organize democracy on a sound basis, but they were only just beginning. The people had learned false law of life instead of the true law; competition was a false law of life, the true law was co-operation; through co-operation they could put other true laws into practice; they could tear down the false and build up the true, they would make war impossible. Mr. Wood lamented the indifference of the people towards the truth of co-operative organization; there was much hope for their future, but they were not prepared to admit that plutocracy and democracy were opposing forces, and that the democracy was to be built, it must be built by the common people, right from the lowest unit. He urged the people of Red Deer to accept the responsibility for their share of democratic organization. If the United Grain Growers were building up a great combine, a great commercial institution for private profit alone, they would deserve condemnation. But their aim was to use their organization for the service of the farmers, not to make a few men rich; they contribute to building up prosperous and contented homes. If their aim and practice was merely to adopt their own would not see the contrasts they were faced with in Canada between selfish luxury and blighting, withering, damning poverty.

It was not a matter of intellectuality only, but a matter of spirit, and that not the animal spirit of selfishness. Germany was equalled by no country in intellect and organization, but she had not the spirit of usefulness, she lacked the true social spirit which would have made her a great world force. Her spirit was almost purely animalism. If intellect alone was the ultimate, the people of the Periclean age or 2300 years ago in the Periclean age; animal selfishness must be displaced by social usefulness.

Another criticism of their movement was that they would become completely commercialized, that they would fall into line with the autocratic and plutocratic classes, that they would not accomplish any political regeneration that way. It is true they had not built up any political machinery, they were not a political party, but that did not mean that they had attained no political influence. As a matter of fact, the more fear of the farmers in the seats of plutocracy then ever before; they were afraid of the western farmers organizations, and these organizations were now sweeping back to the east. They were afraid these organizations were calling men out of



the mire of political bias and prejudice and party slavery into the freedom of thought and later, freedom of action. Perhaps the most pressing problem in the democratic organization was the intelligent selection of democratic leadership, and never was such leadership more badly needed. The people had power, but there was never any intelligent system of selection for real democratic leadership. Men were elected to political conventions, but what time did they give to the study and knowledge of the officers for whom they were asked to vote. Were these men hand-picked? If so, by whom were they hand-picked? The politicians were just as good as they were. If a politician was with a bunch of grafters, it would be for this democracy unless there was an intelligent selection by democratic leadership of its leaders. He did not know why this was not done, but the people would not take the trouble to do it, he supposed.

But, even then, the problem of democratic leadership would not be solved until they trained and developed their democratic leaders. He himself had not had any training or drilling in this kind of work, but he believed that the democratic movement must begin with their boys and girls. It is estimated that 85 per cent of the young people of the United States are in the cities, from the farms mostly, much of it from the towns and villages. Democracy had not one single training leader; if their young people showed democratic leadership, they were not democratic leaders. He himself had not had any training or drilling in this kind of work, but he believed that the democratic movement must begin with their boys and girls. They must train their boys and girls to class loyalty, to devotion, to concentration, to democracy; they must get the democratic viewpoint—the viewpoint of service, of devotion, of concentration, of democracy. They must get the democratic viewpoint—the viewpoint of service, of devotion, of concentration, of democracy. They must get the democratic viewpoint—the viewpoint of service, of devotion, of concentration, of democracy. They must get the democratic viewpoint—the viewpoint of service, of devotion, of concentration, of democracy.

It was truly a religious movement. Why was it not orthodox, he believed in Christ's teaching and mission to regenerate this world, to set up democracy in this world; he believed in the prayer: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." They must build up the Kingdom of righteousness, justice, and service along with the regeneration of the individual. They must build up the Kingdom of righteousness, justice, and service along with the regeneration of the individual. They must build up the Kingdom of righteousness, justice, and service along with the regeneration of the individual. They must build up the Kingdom of righteousness, justice, and service along with the regeneration of the individual.

Mr. Kennedy dealt with what the United Grain Growers had accomplished for the farmers and some of the problems which still confronted them. They had had to organize in self-defense, to prevent themselves from being exploited. He gave a facination to the farmers, the United Grain Growers had the big grain and milling interests in their elevator plans, and the men who ruled Parliament, were men in trade and commerce. If the people allowed this organization to be exploited to the other 95 per cent for their benefit of the five per cent, they would continue to rule the ninety-five per cent of the country. Just so sure as they continued a mammoth system of government, just so sure would they continue a mammoth government system, just so sure would they continue a mammoth government system.

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## ST. NICHOLAS IN CAMP

Twag the night before Christmas and all through the camp Not a sound could be heard but the sentry's tramp, tramp. The boys were all sleeping quite snug in their bunks With occasional snoring in good solid chunks. Some were dreaming of homes far away And mothers preparing for a world's holiday. Others of sweethearts and what they might send To brighten the day and happiness lend— When all of a sudden there rose such a clatter, All sprang up to see what the world was the matter; They rushed toward the trenches expecting the Boches, Aching to give them some rather rough punches— When what to their wondering eyes should appear But a convoy-deeploped with Christ-mas cheer— Packages and boxes and everything good— While high on the pile old St. Nicholas stood, A-bowing and smiling, and beck'ning to all And easily looking as though he might fall. His face was familiar to all within sight, He was given no challenge, so great was delight. With a wink of his eye and a twist of his head he said, "Merry Christmas, and 'tis all a good night." As the boy it was sent to was answering the same; Then to one and another a parcel he gave. Till each but was still as a newly-made grave. As the boys, filled with joy, at the gifts they received, Hugged them and kissed them, as though they believed Those gifts were 'most human. And Santa looked on, Tight gripping his wheel and tooting his horn, Still bowing and smiling; then turned to the right And said "Merry Christmas, and 'tis all a good night."

## BENTLEY AND DISTRICT

### THE IDEL THOUGHTS OF A BUSY FARMER.

Having been immersed on the farm since Spring, we recently decided to take a short holiday in the city. Red Deer, two outlying suburbs of Bentley. We were surprised to see that in Lacombe the herd was not as big as we had expected. In Bentley, numbers of poultry being sent to the city for sale in the public streets of the former, while in the latter they keep the flocks in the Co-operative stores. When the grading season spread around that Mr. Skiptopke had ordered the ranks of the Benedicts. Several bands were promptly organized for the purpose of chivari. The residents of these parts are determined to have a good man to represent them on the municipal council next year. We have three good men in view. And among them Jim Robson and Ed. Horstead, but the trouble was to get any of them to take the job. After a lot of consideration we have decided to have Mr. Skiptopke to the job. We have to try his hand at giving the district a square deal. The district has many interests in business; the majority of voters have signified their intention to support Ed. In the event of an election it is expected he will go in by acclamation.

Ed. St. John O'Neil has retired from the army and expects to resume his occupation of agricultural in the spring. He expects to leave for the West in the spring. St. John is still in Europe and good prospects for Berlin at last reports. He expects to return here in the course of 10 or 15 years, when the Allies have got the European tangle straightened out.

Some of our so-called horse breeders who keep nondescript horses and breed them to scrub sires, produce an unsalable equine nightmare should be glad to take the government's offer of 5c a lb. for their truck. The French and Belgians will be glad to consider them better than no meat. The Peachy Bros. sale came off here successfully last week. They expect to leave for the West in the spring. St. John is still in Europe and good prospects for Berlin at last reports. He expects to return here in the course of 10 or 15 years, when the Allies have got the European tangle straightened out.

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CAME TO the premises of E. P. Crouse, West Park, Red Deer, on or about Dec. 10, 1918, a black and white yearling Steer, brand appears to be 7Y with bar over, on left hip. First figure badly blotched. Examined, Nov. 25, 1918.

On the premises of Joseph Malbray, N.E. 34-36-25, W. 4th, one light red yearling Steer, brand appears to be 7Y with bar over, on left hip. First figure badly blotched. Examined, Nov. 27, 1918.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1918

#### THE NEW POST OFFICE.

The News believes that ninety-five per cent of the citizens of Red Deer as well as a unanimous Board of Trade and the Great War Veterans' Association, are strongly in favor of a new post office for Red Deer.

And well they may be, because the people of Canada, through their representatives in Parliament, have passed a sum of money to build that post office, and \$30,000 was placed in the estimates for that purpose, and plans and specifications were drawn up, tenders asked for, the portion of the work and the basement excavated at a considerable cost. But the work was postponed because of the war, and only because of the war.

Now that the war is over, and the city should see to it that we get it. The editorial in the News of last week was most unfair, and in our opinion was entirely unjust to our city, and entirely uncalled for. It snubbed at Red Deer's population, as not being sufficient for a good sized post office at this time, and yet the man most responsible for making this small compact centre into a city was the editor of the Advocate, who was its first Mayor, and he knew then and knows now, that our young and virile community possesses in importance and influence the city proper as confined inside our municipal limits, both with regard to post office business and for other purposes. North Red Deer has no post office, west, east, south Red Deer have no post offices, and all this business, as well as a big country around, swell the population to at least four tens, and served by this post office. Then again, the entire business of 27 post offices west of Red Deer, on the Alberta Central railway, passes through the Red Deer office and will continue to do so in greatly increasing quantities as the great west country settles up, making this office a par with large city offices.

When the question was discussed by the Board of Trade some months ago, and carried by a small majority, that the post office be moved to the old Lands office because that building was idle, it appeared as though the war would last for years, and as the writer was an interested party in the deal, he took no part in the question in these columns because the post office is located in his building. But he does not propose to be muzzled any longer. The rent of the post office is only fifty five dollars a month, and no building can be got for less in Red Deer. This includes heating and all repairs. The walls have been disfigured by the government and the building is one of the hardest to keep heated in the city, as the doors are open most of the time by the steady stream of people coming and going.

The floor space of the old Lands office building is only claimed to be fifty per cent greater than the present office, and every foot of that will be required at once, which does not allow for any growth whatever, while we know that there will be a great forward movement of increased business in the west immediately, which the building will not be large enough to accommodate.

We are told the Dominion of Canada will ask for a war indemnity of ten hundred million dollars, which will recompense Canada for all her war expenses. Millions upon millions of this sum will be spent in other parts of Canada for great improvements, and the big centers will be greatly benefited. But no place in Canada has done more than Red Deer, in proportion to its population, to help on the great war, or have out-

tered more than we have. Red Deer has done nothing but pay. Now, when we are only asking for what rightfully belongs to us to help give employment to a large number of our loyal sons on their return, some very short sighted citizens say we should not ask the government to fulfil its pledges, but should allow all this vast sum of money to be "spent in other places, because the government is going to spend it somewhere."

Red Deer district is the greatest mixed farming district in the province, our farmers are all well to do and prosperous. We have five of the best banks in Canada within our borders, namely the Bank of Montreal, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Merchants Bank of Canada, the Imperial Bank of Canada, and the Royal Bank of Canada, which is the greatest index of the amount of business being done here, and there are all doing a good business. We have never had the consideration shown us by the governments of Canada that is our due. In spite of all, nothing is going to keep Red Deer back. That some foolish speculators suffered in boom days does not go to prove that the city will be repeated. These people have learnt a bitter lesson which will never, we hope, be forgotten, but still we must be optimistic, and make up our minds to boost to the utmost for our young city, and we consider it the duty of every citizen to insist on the construction of a new post office building and not allow a big sum of money to be expended on what will only be a make shift after all.

#### THE RETURN OF THE HEROES.

The tide has turned again westward. The battalions of men that flowed in a constant stream from Canada to the battlefields of Europe for four years are turning their faces homeward and the first peace contingent has already arrived in the city. It is not the same country that they left behind them, and they are not the same men that went away. We are all older in body and in mind, and let us hope, in wisdom and understanding. These men a few years ago, were, like ourselves, a part of the civic organ; they were the toilers, the directors and administrators of the multitudinous industries that go to make up a progressive modern city. Most of them had no idea of being anything other than what they were—peaceful, law-abiding citizens. War to them was a few years ago was something they read about in the newspapers, and which consisted merely of clouds of smoke and fire on far distant horizons. They never dreamed that it would be their lot to sit hither and thither and enter the raging, hot cauldron in order to prevent it spreading over the whole world.

These are the men who have come out of the inferno, the small fire is upon them, and many of them bear the indelible marks and mutilations of the conflict. The broken men who move among us day by day shall remain as a reminder of the price that has been paid for the peace we enjoy, and will be a living indictment of war for two or three generations to come. Children yet unborn will look upon these men who fought and suffered; they will read the story of how they hastened across the seas at the far call of the Motherland, how they wrestled for four years with the "superman" of Prussia, and how they smote the giant and slew him—and look off of heaven.

All the great events of history are written in blood and tears, and the writing of this latest page in Canadian history is no exception. The heroism and suffering of these past few years has not been confined to battlefields. The silent endurance in the home, the anxiety, the patient waiting, the hopes, the despair, the lifelong loneliness of bereavement—these are all part of that record of heroism which Canada must hand down to her children's children. In the erection of memorials to the heroes of the great war Canada's heroic women must have a prominent place. Not as Nobe weeping without hope for her slaughtered children, but as the proud and kindly mother of a race of men who loved freedom and righteousness enough to suffer and die for their vindication.—Toronto Globe.

#### THE WAR BILLS.

The war bill of the allies against Germany, according to British Pres-

ter, David Lloyd George, is \$120,000,000,000, and the cost of the war to Great Britain is \$40,000,000,000. Before the war the estimated wealth of Germany was between \$75,000,000,000 and \$100,000,000,000, therefore if the whole wealth of Germany were taken, there would not be enough to pay the account. Germany will no doubt be compelled to pay to the utmost of her capacity.

A good many citizens are receiving threatening letters from the city solicitors in regard to the payment of the arrears of taxes.

We appreciate the fact that the city must collect all the taxes possible, and it is the duty of all loyal citizens to pay up as fast as possible. We do not, however, agree with the policy adopted by the council.

If the property upon which there are delinquent taxes are put up for sale, the owner obviously will refuse it if at all possible. If the owner is not able and the property is sold, then it is just as obvious that the owners are not able to pay. Then why embarrass them, and thereby make them less able to do what they are doing by putting costs upon them as well as affecting their credit generally.

Some of our loyal tax payers have paid fairly promptly on the bulk of their properties, but in some cases citizens have felt they could not keep the taxes up on all. If, then, these citizens are gone after and embarrassed after doing all they can, are not our city authorities killing the goose that lays the golden egg?

## THE SPIRIT OF THE Y.M.C.A. HUT IN LONDON

By ELIZABETH BANKS ("EMID")

Accompanying is a sketch from the pen of Elizabeth Banks, of London, based upon her experience as a Volunteer Worker in the Canadian Y.M.C.A. Bazaar Hut, London.

Miss Banks has an international reputation as a writer and author over the pen names of "Emid" and "Mary Mornington Mervin."

To secure the foundation of this sketch Miss Banks stayed for a week at the large Women Volunteer Force at the Hut and spent long hours washing dishes and performing other service work.

"The 'Y' is just around the corner from where I live in the Adelphi. Next door to me is Bernard Shaw; across the street are the Jims, Harrie, John Galsworthy, Granville Barker and other celebrities. Then comes the 'Y' which used to occupy the little Theatre and now occupies not only the Theatre but a great block of ground that extends around into the busy Strand."

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Down in that dining room and washing up room "everybody's doing it." "Doing what," do you ask? Why being cheerful and happy and helping to make the boys cheerful and happy? Do you think they are over here in London town on their leave from the front with nobody to love them, nobody to smile to them, nobody to listen to their little tales of woe or joy as the case may be? Not so. We have love and we have voluntary workers at the Beaver Hut. We all want to wash up for them, wait on them, see that their kidney stew is nice and warming and that the hot soup is just to their taste. Sometimes when we hear a boy speak of some one Canadian dish that "mother used to make" we run feasted to the kitchen and whisper something into the ear of the cook—and lo! the next day or the day after when that same boy comes down to his dinner or supper we tell him of a new item on the bill of fare, and you ought to see his smile! I wonder if there is anything more delightful than the real, genuine Canadian boy's smile at the Beaver Hut when he's pleased! I really cannot imagine anything more heart-cheering than that smile.

There are 800 of us voluntary workers, all dressed in blue overalls and wearing flimsy, non-like veils over our heads. On my own veil I have stuck some pretty wattle leaves and the other day one of the boys asked me where I got them. "They're just stuck on," it could only have one of those to stick on a letter to my mother, wouldn't she just be tick-

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led to death" he exclaimed wistfully. Then what could I do but take one of the seals from my veil and give it to him for his envelope? Did one of you mothers ever read this, get that seal, I wonder, and if you did, weren't you just "tickled to death"? I have said there are eight hundred of us, but we don't all work at once. We work in shifts of four hours each. Some go every day, others twice a week, others once a week. Some, like myself, are American, others Canadian, others English. Women. Our work is to wash all the dishes, dry them, polish them, lay them on the tables, wait at table, sell cigarettes and chocolates and postage stamps and other things at the little Beaver shop at the end of the lounge. I myself, being an expert typist as well as one of the swiftest of "washers" sometimes sit at a table in the lounge and run my little machine at such odd jobs as are needed. Did one of you mothers ever get that type after I did for your boy whose hand was a bit troublesome owing to something a certain Hun had done to him once round the Marne war? No, his hand wasn't dangerous, but only taking a nice rest on a board for a week or so. My! But what did that mother get for the boy who did the Hun first? You are to be very proud of that hand of your boy's when it comes home, mind you!

Here's a nice girl in blue overalls and veil cleaning all the knives. She works hard in an office all day you would think she would then want to come home and rest. Instead of that she comes to the Hut and cleans knives, wipes dishes, polishes spoons or any other useful job for several hours. Sometimes she sits, because some other women have such chances to do such big things for their country as V.A.D.'s or "Waves" and that sort of thing. One day a boy at the Hut spoke of the "nice shiny knives" and then her face brightened up and she stopped shining for so-called great and noble deeds to do, for she realized that to shine up a knife for a Canadian boy, to help him enjoy his meals, is doing her "bit" for the country.

The spirit of the Beaver Hut is cheerfulness and willingness. You Canadians have doubtless heard of the important question the applicant for a place as servant must answer in English mistress in the pre-war days of long ago—"Who cleans the knives, Ma'am?" Now, at the Beaver Hut you never hear any such question among the voluntary workers. We don't mind what we do so long as we're helping. Thousands of dishes have to be washed, wiped, put in the table, made dirty again, washed, wiped, put on the table again, and so on through the day and night. Once I spoke there every day then washing up and I never could make out whether it was breakfast, dinner or supper dishes I was washing. They kept on coming and coming and going and rattling and rattling, and the first thing I knew it was getting dark and by that I supposed the cups I was washing were being used for supper coffee. Every volunteer tries to help every other one. The "green" ones are taken in hand by the experienced ones and told all the easiest and quickest ways of doing things. Girls who never in their lives before washed a dish come to the Beaver Hut and learn how and remember it, in perfect rest, and perfect power, and perfect joy.

—Kingsley.

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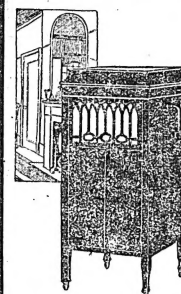
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### THE CHRISTMAS PRIT.

Christmas peace is God's, and He must give it Himself. With His own hand, or we shall never get it. Go then to God Himself. Thou art His child, as Christmas Day declares; he not afraid to go unto thy Father. Pray, Him; tell Him what thou wantest; say, "Father, I am not moderate, reasonable, forbearing. I fear I cannot keep Christmas aright, for I have not a peaceful Christmas spirit in me; and I know that I shall never get it by thinking, and reading and under standing; for it passes all that, and lies far beyond it. Does peace, in the very essence of thing undivided, un-moved, absolute, eternal God-head, which no change nor decay of this created world nor sin or folly of men or devils, can ever alter, but which abideth forever what it is, in perfect rest, and perfect power, and perfect joy."

—Kingsley.

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Christmas, 1918

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No. 669, flesh colored, low bust, long hip, at	3.75
No. 675, low bust, heavy boned, elastic over hips	4.00
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No. 431, medium bust, long hip, at	2.50
No. 510, Athletic Corset, at	2.50
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No. 519, front laced, low bust, long hip, at	2.75
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Brown Mocha Fleece-lined Ladies' Gloves, \$2.25	
Men's Tan Fleece-lined Gloves, \$2.75, \$3, \$3.50	
Children's Tan Cape Gloves, at \$1.75	
Children's Fleece-lined Cape Gloves, at \$1.75	
Men's Grey Silk-lined Gloves, at \$3.00	
Men's Fabric Gloves, Tan, Brown and Grey, at prices of \$5c., \$1.00, \$1.25	

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LADIES' WAISTS in Georgettes and Crepes, in Flesh, Maize, Apricot, Grey, White and Black. The prices on them will not dampen your enthusiasm either, for we have purposely marked them very conservatively at

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By the REV. G. D. ARMSTRONG.

When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy—Matt II: 10.

Of all the Holy days in the Christian calendar, probably none is observed with greater gladness than is the birthday of the Christ. The Christmas festival illustrates the method whereby Christianity has superseded and transformed earlier forms of faith. It is very interesting to note that the Christmas season of rejoicing is of Pagan origin and was not observed in the New Testament period. The Christian Missionary coming to our Druid forefathers found them celebrating with riotous feasting the triumph of the powers of light over the hosts of darkness, whose influence had shortened (as they thought) the length of the day and covered the earth with the gloom of the winter night.

It is not to be wondered at that these nature worshippers should rejoice in the growing strength of the Sun-God, and it was fitting that those who looked through nature to nature's God should find in this Pagan form of worship a symbol of the triumphant birth of the Sun of Righteousness. Thus does Christianity fulfill earlier forms of faith and transform and revive ancient institutions by giving them a new significance.

The incident recorded in our text illustrates a similar outworking of this principle. The Gospel of St. Matthew, designed to meet the need of the Jewish people, does not record the humble origin of Christ-child, but suggests that His coming was hailed with delight by those who were devoted to lesser forms of faith.

St. Luke, whose gospel was written to meet the needs of the Gentile world, is characterized by a greater interest in those events which relate the Christ-child to those of humbler origin, and relates the story of the angel's song, and the wonderful visit of Heavenly messengers to the humble origin of our Lord. So the Christmas story makes its stirring appeal to people of all classes and all halls with delight the anniversary of the birth of the Son of Man.

Surely we who have so recently witnessed the triumph of the Soldiers of Light and Freedom over what we felt were indeed the powers of darkness, may celebrate with keenest pleasure, with exceeding joy, the coming of a new day. Let the Christmas bells ring in "the Christ who is to be!"

The Hebrews as a rule did not take the same interest in astrology as the Babylonians, and Assyrians, although there are indications of a tendency to relate some of the events of history to the movements of the heavenly bodies. The antiquity and reality of the belief in the influence of the stars is well brought home to us in Deborah's triumph song where she says "the stars in their courses fought against Sisera."

The Captivity, while doubtless making the people of Israel familiar with the ancient science of astrology, did not lead them to adopt this science for their own use. The principal effect of this contact with the religious of the East is to be seen in such writings as the Book of Daniel, in which some attempt is made to outline the probable course of history.

On the other hand, the religious faith of Israel and the hope of the nation for a coming deliverer probably induced strongly the nature worshippers of Babylon, and the effect of Israel's sojourn in Babylon is seen in the visit of the Wise men of the East to the Birth of Christ.

It may that Matthew regarded the visit of the Magi, not so much as the fulfillment of ancient prophecy as a message which indicates that the Messiah Jesus, who has been born to save His own people from their sins will be sought out and honored by heathen, while the leading representatives of the religious thought and worship of Israel ask no questions concerning Him. On this view the Magi become significant as proof that God uses even such imperfect means as astrology for bringing to the knowledge of a knowledge of the truth. It is surely true that the souls who are looking for light, by whatever name they may be called, will accept whatever road they are travelling, will surely find what they are seeking.

Follow you star that lights earth's path, and lead the time was coming soon when surely I'd get mine. They kept it up from year to year while I was driving nails, and said they'd have you the old man never said. I never used to say a word, but kept on saving lumber, although I felt a lot relieved when it began to thunder. And so, my friend, remember this, and paste it in your hat, those knockers never will get a chance to land on Anarat. If they'd have joined me and worked with me, and made the old ark bustle, they wouldn't have to worry now and for the high spot rattle. So when you see a guy that works hard at his job, and may give him a boost and not a knock as you go on your way; and when the rain begins to fall, and you are feeling rotten, let's come along and boost for you, to show he's not forgotten."

Quite recently it was suggested to me that our observance of Christmas would have a waning interest for us if it were not for the commercial job that sustains it. We cannot accept this rather cynical view. The imagination of humanity, the spirit of wonder and of generosity renews the spirit of the childhood of each succeeding generation.

Christianity is the religion of eternal childhood—its finest expression is an impulse that is exceeding great joy. It is in our hearts today we have a true appreciation of nature and of life, if into our souls has been born the spirit of the Christ-child, if Christ is born in us, the Hope of Glory, we shall respond to the feelings of these ancient worshippers and knowing that the Day Star from on high has visited us, we shall rejoice with exceeding great joy.

## NEXT YEAR'S WHEAT PRICES

Word from Ottawa states that the question of the price of wheat for the 1919 crop is giving the government considerable anxiety. As our readers know, the U.S. government guaranteed a price of \$2.25 per bushel for the 1918 crop, and now war is over it is expected the U.S. government will have to foot a considerable loss. The Canadian government does not appear to feel that it should saddle the non-agricultural portion of the country with the risk of such a loss, so, after consulting with the Council of Agriculture, decided to endeavour to secure advanced sales of next year's crop at a fixed price. With this object in view, representatives of the Council of Agriculture and the government will shortly leave for England, where, with the assistance of Sir Robert Borden and Dr. J. W. Robertson, the representative of the Department of Agriculture with the Prime Minister's party, an endeavor will be made to arrange for a sale of the crop to the allied governments. The Canadian Government will advance the necessary credit, and will act as an intermediary. It is hoped some satisfactory arrangements can be completed that will guarantee a good price for next year's crop.

H. W. Wood, President of the U.P.A., has been recommended as one of the commission to sail for England, but at the time of writing he had not decided whether he could accept or not.

## SEED GRAIN.

The problem of securing good seed grain for the 1919 seedling is somewhat difficult to solve. By order of the Grain Commission the Interior Storage Elevator at Moose Jaw had instructions to take all the No. 1 Northern that came to it from the west up to 500,000 bushels to be retained for seed for distribution back to farmers in the district where there had been a crop failure. On October 25 the manager of the elevator stated that he had practically this amount in store. So far as wheat is concerned there will be no difficulty in supply in the highest grade of seed for 1919.

Not so with the oat supply, however. It is estimated that 1,000,000 bushels will be required, and on the 25th of October only 20,000 had been received. The trouble with oats is that where crops have been good, especially in the older settled districts, wild oats are so prevalent that the standard for seed oats cannot be attained. Even farmers who have good oat crops want to buy their seed so as to get rid of the wild oats. Farmers are learning to sow oats intended for seed in clean summer fallow. They do not therefore want to sow their own seed for the clean summer fallow would again become polluted with wild oats. Farmers have learned that wild oats is one of the worst weeds with which they have to contend. The problem of securing seed oats for 1919 is not yet solved.

## A BOOST WILL COME BACK.

Old Noah, with a great big smile, stood leaning on the rail, as he sat across the rising tide the ark began to sail; and turning then he said to Ham, "My boy, just see them scampers; they are the guys that stood around and tried my work to hamper. They always said I was a fool, my work was no account; today they're headed for the hills, while we go to the mount. They always had their harpoons out, and used to rain or shine, and no matter the time was coming soon when surely I'd get mine. They kept it up from year to year while I was driving nails, and said they'd have you the old man never said. I never used to say a word, but kept on saving lumber, although I felt a lot relieved when it began to thunder. And so, my friend, remember this, and paste it in your hat, those knockers never will get a chance to land on Anarat. If they'd have joined me and worked with me, and made the old ark bustle, they wouldn't have to worry now and for the high spot rattle. So when you see a guy that works hard at his job, and may give him a boost and not a knock as you go on your way; and when the rain begins to fall, and you are feeling rotten, let's come along and boost for you, to show he's not forgotten."

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## Local and District Intelligence

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Miss Cole is home from Calgary for the holidays.

C. J. Rutter is home from Prince Albert for Christmas.

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Mrs. Jeannette, of Cozyer Cliff, Ont., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. G. Fulton, for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Silvertown, of Bowman River, Man., are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. H. F. Kenny.

The meeting of the Waskasoo Red Cross will be held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Wright on Thursday, Jan. 2, 1919.—M. Hicks, Secretary.

If unable to get your toys, etc., for Christmas Eve, make New Years eve your gift night. Still a good selection to choose from at Brazer's.

Christmas festival, "The Feast of Lights," at St. Luke's Church, Monday, December 30th, at 7.30 p.m.

It is a catching air—the spirit of Christmas—and the nearer it approaches the more contagious it becomes.

Bert Henshaw left for a three months holiday with his relatives in the east. Bert has been in the west for twelve years and this is his first trip back home.

As we meet our friends on the street their salutation invariably is: Have you been able to locate anything for Christmas? What do they mean?

Mrs. M. G. Tweed, and two boys, of Medicine Hat, are spending the Christmas holiday with Rev. and Mrs. Matthews.

Miss Lella Parks, Miss Lillian Gudmundson, Miss Sallie Spillard, Miss Elida Soderman, and Miss Kate Carwell are spending Christmas in the city from Calgary Normal.

Probably the girls are saying the same thing this year that they have said every year in the past—"Well, I'm going to start making presents right away for next Christmas."

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Taylor are to be congratulated on the return of their little daughter from the hospital, after recovering from one of the most serious operations ever performed on a little girl.

The editor was invited to an informal dinner at Victoria, B.C., by the Mayor and Corporation of that city a few days ago, in honor of the arrival at Victoria of the Canadian Northern Railway ferry "Canada," which will ply between Victoria, the ocean terminals of the Canadian Northern Railway, Patricia Bay, and mainland points. Unfortunately we were unable to attend.

Brazer's still have a good stock for Christmas.

Miss Cowan, of the Red Deer Ladies' College, Edmonton, is spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Durance.

Every time that Christmas comes around again we wonder why we haven't cultivated the Christmas spirit all the year.

The J. Macdonald Company have moved their office to the stand lately occupied by the Standard Drug Company on Gaetz Avenue.

Here's hoping that all our soldier boys, on land and sea, will have a few Christmas plums on the day of good will—even though this year they may be mostly in the pudding.

We get most of the enjoyment of Christmas out of the dreams that come before and after. Oh, to dream of it before it comes, to enjoy it while it is here, and to appreciate it when it has gone!

At least we are reasonably sure of one thing—which is that no soldier will have to go without a good Christmas dinner. Well, this is as it should be, since to paraphrase our old friend, Mr. Dryden—surely the brave deserve the fare.

Not naming any names, we are willing to admit that there are folks in this world whose Christmas dinner doesn't interest us in the least—except that we hope they'll have plenty of food for reflection, and that after the meal is over they'll get their just desserts.

The Women's Institute are holding a ten cent tea and sale of home cooking at the Hall of the Presbyterian Church on the afternoon of Saturday, December 28th. Owing to the influenza epidemic no second hand clothing will be sold, but there are a lot of new articles that have been donated to the Institute by the various city merchants, and also by private individuals, which will be disposed of, either by direct sale or by raffle, according to their value.

A crook representing himself as Henry Anderson, traveller for a firm which he calls the "Golden Gate Silk Mills," San Francisco, Cal., carries a lot of very fine silk hose, and is putting over on the unsuspecting retail dealers a story to the effect that his firm has a shipment of hosiery on hand at Kenora (or perhaps some other point) C.O.D. \$20.00, which has been refused by the original consignee. This shipment he endeavours to sell on the understanding that he will have the shipment forwarded to the new purchaser C.O.D. for the amount, but before leaving he usually prevails upon the purchaser to advance him \$20.00 or more—giving as his reason that his expense money is running low—on the understanding that the amount advanced is to be deducted from the purchase price of the goods. But there are no goods, and the dealer is out of his money. Watch for the gent.

The shortest day has passed and the summer will soon return to us.

The School of Agriculture at Olds will probably not be opened this winter, owing to the prevalence of influenza.

J. G. Brumpton has disposed of his business at Delburne and moved to Vancouver. He claims the coast city is at present the busiest city in Canada.

Knox Church, Dec. 25, special closing services for the year. Communion services in the evening at 7.30. Prayers, service, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, when the Rev. J. T. Hughes, of Blackfalds, will preach.

Charles Sinclair, who went over as Sergt. with the 187th, and reverted to go to France, and who was attached to the 115th returned last night. He was gassed and has hardly recovered yet. Mrs. Sinclair returned with him.

The News has received a Christmas card from Gunner W. J. Butterly, who writes he had the pleasure of being with the guns when they fired the last shot at the Huns before the armistice was signed. We have also received a nice Christmas card from Col. Page, of the 50th Battalion.

From now on there will be a steady stream of our returned veterans, and it will be difficult to keep track of them. We hope our readers will try to keep us posted. Among those who have returned during the past week are Lieut. Julian Sharman, Pte. Frank Robinson, grandson of Wm. Piper, Pte. Gus Dahl, Pte. W. Ireland, Pte. F. A. McCann, Pte. McMillan, Pte. Jim Hazlett.

The News is in receipt of a very nice Christmas present in the shape of a high-class thermometer from that well-known wholesale firm of Glasgow, Wilson & Horne, Ltd. The editor when writing fiery editorials will now be able to gauge his effusions by merely placing the thermometer in his mouth. He will then be able to tell whether he is at blood heat, temperate or down to zero. Hurrah for Campbell, Wilson & Horne.

St. Luke's Sunday School Christmas Tree will be held on Monday, Dec. 30th, at 5.30. There will be a tea for the scholars, Christmas tree and prize distribution. This will be followed by the Christmas festival, entitled "The Feast of Lights," given by the Sunday School and Choir, and which will be held in the Church at 7.30. As this is to be held in the Church there will be no admission charge, but a collection will be taken up for the Sunday School Mission Fund.

Rev. L. Elgin Brough, late pastor of the Baptist church at Red Deer, and now at Reid Hill P.O. Southern Alberta, and Mrs. Brough will have sincere sympathy in the death from influenza of their youngest son, Elmore, on Monday, December 5, at the age of about one month. The family were taken down with the flu, and Elmore was the last to be stricken, but it seemed as if pneumonia set in right away, and in four days he was gone despite the best of medical care and nursing. Mr. Brough and a few friends laid the little one away. Their church had been closed for nine Sundays and Mr. Brough did not expect it to open until after New Years.

### MARRIAGE

At the Manor, Red Deer, on Wednesday, December 18th, by the Rev. W. G. Brown, Lillie Ann Cowthorpe to W. Brown, both of Pine Lake.

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